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Transportation for Seniors

For calendar year 2022, Senior Services wants to ensure Union County residents 60 years of age or more are getting their transportation needs met to the best of our ability with available resources. UCATS and Legends Lift & Transport are contracted to transport seniors to their activities of daily living (medical, shopping, banking, legal, exercise, library, miscellaneous civic needs, etc.) and activities of socialization free of charge to the senior. The only eligibility criteria is to be 60 years of age or older. Below is the contact information for transportation:

- **UCATS**—Call 937.642.5100 to schedule a ride or complete a request online at www.unioncountyohio.gov/ucats
- **Legends Lift and Transport**—call to schedule at 937.358.2024

UCATS Group Shopping Days in March: 3/3 at Kroger/Ace Hardware, 3/10 at Walmart/Home Depot, 3/16 Richwood Region Shopping at Walmart, 3/17 at Aldi/Dollar General/Lowes, 3/24 at Meijer/Home Depot, and 3/30 at Kelly's Kitchen

Union County Sheriff - Project Lifesaver

call 937.645.4100 ext 4310

A lost person with Alzheimer's or other dementia represents a *critical emergency*. They are unaware of their situation; they do not call out for help and may not respond to people calling out to them. The number of people, families and communities experiencing this risk will grow dramatically in the next few years. The Project Lifesaver program is designed to work with those who are in the wandering stages of their disease. When caregivers notify the Union County Sheriff's Office that their loved one is missing, the Project Lifesaver Team responds to the wanderer's area and starts searching with the mobile locator tracking system.

Bridges Community Action Partnership

- Did you know that Union County Senior Services awarded a grant to Bridges Community Action for 2022 specifically to assist Union County Seniors with furnace cleaning and tune up? **Project Safe Heat** is designed to prevent furnace failure and make the furnace run more efficiently. This program will also provide and install a carbon monoxide detector in the home, if the home does not have one.
- Did you know that Union County Senior Services awarded a grant to Bridges Community Action for 2022 specifically to assist Seniors with home repair? **Elderly Home Repair Program** will provide necessary repairs so that the client can stay safely in their homes.

Contact Bridges Community Action Partnership at 937.642.4986

Love, Not Money

Source: Federal Trade Commission, Jim Kreidler, Consumer Education Specialist, Division of Consumer and Business Education

Chocolates, flowers, and spending time with your special someone are all Valentine's Day traditions, but what about helping a friend or loved one spot and avoid a romance scam?

Even though a romance scam might not be affecting you, someone you know might be facing one. According to a new FTC report, people sent \$547 million to online romance scammers last year. And more than a third of those who lost money said the contact started on Facebook or Instagram, often through an unexpected private message.

So pick up the phone and reach out to someone you might not have spoken with in a while. Check in with them, see how they're doing, and listen to what they say. You might just be able to help them spot and avoid a romance scam.

As you start a conversation, here are some things to keep in mind:

1. If a friend or loved one mentions an online love interest, ask if they've met in person. If they haven't met in person, but that love interest has asked for money, that's a scam. Period. No matter what story they tell — even if they send you money or gifts first.

2. Romance scammers often create fake profiles. Use a reverse image search to see if someone else has used that profile picture, or if the details don't match up.

Never send or forward money to people you meet online. And only scammers ask you to pay by cryptocurrency, gift cards, or wire transfer.

What You Can Do to Avoid a Scam

Block unwanted calls and text messages. Take steps to block unwanted calls and to filter unwanted text messages.

Don't give your personal or financial information in response to a request that you didn't expect. Legitimate organizations won't call, email, or text to ask for your personal information, like your Social Security, bank account, or credit card numbers.

If you get an email or text message from a company you do business with and you think it's real, it's still best not to click on any links. Instead, contact them using a website you know is trustworthy. Or look up their phone number. Don't call a number they gave you or the number from your caller ID.

Stop and talk to someone you trust. Before you do anything else, tell someone — a friend, a family member, a neighbor — what happened. Talking about it could help you realize it's a scam.

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